

**Lewis and Clark County Mental Health Local Advisory Council's
Steering Committee
PureView Huddle Room
1930 Ninth Avenue, Helena, MT
Thursday, April 11, 2019, 9:15am**

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Members in Attendance: Jill Steeley (Chair), Matt Furlong (Vice Chair), and Drenda Niemann.

Staff in Attendance: Jocelyn Olsen.

2. Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and LAC

The LAC is one of the main proponents in helping to complete the objectives of the CHIP so the Steering Committee believes it would be best to create an official proposal for the entirety of the LAC to review.

ACTION: Jill Steeley and Drenda Niemann will get together before the next general LAC meeting to determine which Workgroups can address the various sections of the CHIP.

3. LAC Strategic Plan

The Steering Committee briefly revisited the strategic plan for the LAC, noting that one of the big items is the County adoption of the 2-1-1 system. It is important to maintain consistent messaging. One member of the LAC has vast experience with a system he has been developing called HELP. It is the hope of the LAC that this member would be willing to lend some of his expertise to help the 2-1-1 system get further established as this is the trajectory of the County.

4. May Agenda Items

Fellow member, Brian Coplin, would like time to speak to the LAC regarding his HELP project. The Council will also need to discuss progress on the CHIP, workgroup reports and staffing for the LAC.

5. Mental Health Awareness Month

May is Mental Health Awareness month and there are already a few events scheduled. Matt Furlong has been working with Elevate Montana and the Central Service Area Authority (CSAA) to bring in a showing of *Paper Tigers, Resilience*,

Broken Places, and *Wrestling Ghosts*. Matt explained that they are planning a “block party” at the end of May, by the Myrna Loy as a final viewing, awareness event.

The CSAA is also helping the County to provide an Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) where there will be 45 attendees, 17 of which from Lewis and Clark County.

6. LAC Membership

Currently the Council has one County School representative position, one adult mental health provider position, and two consumer or family member positions vacant. Some brainstorming of individuals to fill the school position included Sarah Sullivan from the School Board, or individuals from the Home-schooling Coalition, Shodair, Bloom Montessori, or staff from Wolf Creek or Augusta.

Brainstorming for a family member or consumer concluded in the need to ask Gary Mihelish and John Wilkinson from NAMI if they have any individuals in mind. The adult mental health provider position may be filled by the next Director of CMH, as Michelle Marshal is leaving.

7. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 10:25am.